HOUSE BILL 3305 By Shaw

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, relative to environmental protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, is amended by adding a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

Section 68-221-___.

- (a) The commissioner of the department of environment and conservation, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of health, shall conduct a study of the allegation of environmental racism in the Eno Road community of Dickson, Tennessee.
- (b) The commissioner of the department of environment and conservation, in consultation with the department of health, shall conduct a health screening of the Eno Road community of Dickson, Tennessee, to determine whether the residents of color experience a disparate health status. The health screening shall assess:
 - (1) The incidence of cancer;
 - (2) The incidence of birth defects;
 - (3) The incidence of immunologic diseases; and
 - (4) Other health indicators that are related to exposure to toxic hazards.
- (c) The commissioner shall report the findings of the study and health screening to the environment, conservation and tourism committee of the senate

and the conservation and environment committee of the house of representatives on or before March 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring

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